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• (LOU) The first convoy from Kigali arrived safely in Bujumbura at about 1545 EDT. About two hours earlier, a separate private convoy of about 40 mostly American missionaries from southern Rwanda arrived in Bujumbura. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali telcon)

• (LOU) At about 1500 EDT, EUCOM reported that the visiting DATT in Kigali called to report hearing heavy mortar fire within 10 kilometers north of the Embassy compound. He also stated that heavy automatic weapons fire was occurring within 5 kilometers east of the Embassy compound. (Task Force/EUCOM telcon)

• (LOU) The Charge in Bujumbura confirmed at 1520 EDT that both U.S. C-141 aircraft have arrived at Bujumbura airport. The aircraft are expected to be used to evacuate Americans to Nairobi tomorrow after daybreak. (Task Force/Embassy Bujumbura telcon)

• (U) At 1530 EDT, CNN reported that the French have already evacuated 43 of their nationals by air. CNN claims tens of thousands have been killed since the crisis began. (CNN)

• (LOU) The Embassy reported that the personnel from the Diane Fossey Karisoke Research Center (including one American) reached Gisenyi on the Zaire border, and subsequently crossed over safely to Goma, Zaire. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali telcon)

• (LOU) The Security Council discussed the situation Saturday afternoon. No decisions were taken concerning UNAMIR's mandate or future. The French said they are willing to assist third country nationals in evacuation. The Council plans to meet again on Monday. (Task Force/USUN telcon)

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